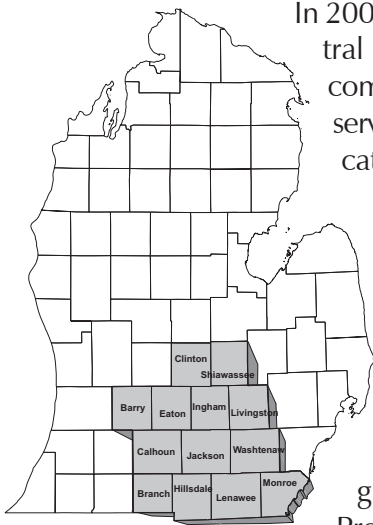


# LEGAL SERVICES OF SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN

2004 LSSCM Office Locations: Ann Arbor, Bangor, Battle Creek, Jackson  
Lansing and Monroe

**LSSCM Service Area:** Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties  
Farmworker Legal Services—Statewide  
Michigan Poverty Law Program—Statewide

**Service Population:** 195,329 individuals living at or below 125% of the poverty level



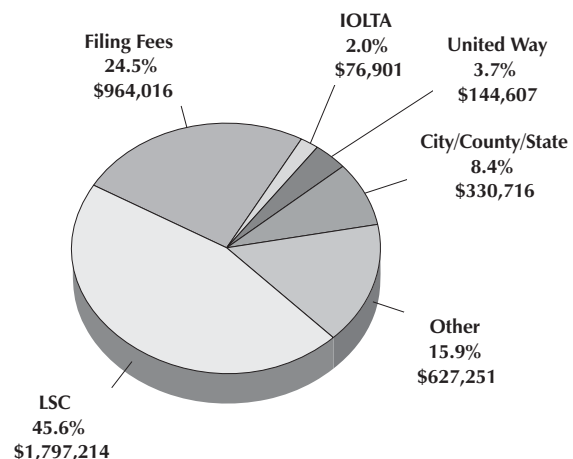
In 2004, Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM) expanded community outreach in many of its service areas. The Community Education and Outreach Program in Battle Creek supported by a Kellogg Foundation grant enabled staff to work with other human service agencies to educate low-income tenants on housing rights and responsibilities as well as safe housing and public benefits eligibility. The Tenant Counseling

A distraught mother came to LSSCM upon discovering that her daughter and paternal grandmother had spent the night on a park bench after the father had threatened to kill them. An LSSCM attorney filed for an emergency hearing and the mother was awarded full custody with very limited supervised visitation for the father. Now the mother and the daughter can live in a home without the threat of violence.

Program, supported by the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, expanded a website for Michigan tenants, including a web-based intake system. Washtenaw County was also the site of the new Legal Resource Center, bringing together the resources of LSSCM, Eastern Michigan University, the Washtenaw County Bar Association, and the Washtenaw County Courts to provide legal information, forms and simple instruction for many pro se litigants. The new Legal Resource Center currently serves approximately 200 people a month.

LSSCM attorneys provided presentations as part of landlord/tenant education at local homeless shelters in collaboration with Salvation Army Housing Information Sessions. The presentations discussed how to be a good tenant, each party's rights and responsibilities, and how to properly withhold rent when conditions warrant such action. This community outreach helps prevent repeated homelessness occurrences through its educational efforts.

**LSSCM Sources of Funding for 2004: \$ 3,940,705**



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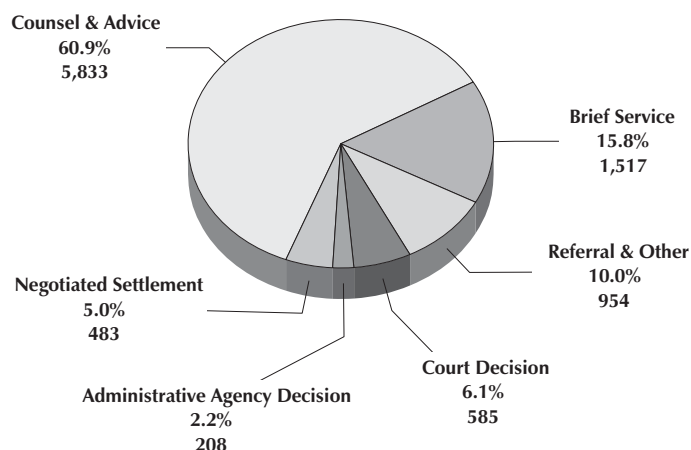
**Community Outreach and Collaboration.** LSSCM continues to work closely with community partners including local courts, the private bar, housing providers, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, local government, and human services agencies to ensure that low-income people get the assistance they need. In 2004, LSSCM provided over 200 community legal education presentations, attended by over 4,400 persons with many presentations given on behalf of seniors. LSSCM also does extensive outreach and community education at community agencies and migrant labor camps throughout the state. This outreach is essential to reach these vulnerable populations. In 2004, LSSCM actively worked on statewide initiatives, involving such issues as domestic violence advocacy and coordinating immigration services across the state. LSSCM staff authored materials and articles on issues such as serving farmworkers, landlord tenant law and domestic violence law.

Client Age	
18 & Under	54
19-59	7,806
60 & Over	1,705
Groups	15
Total	9,580

**Pro Bono Support.** The value of pro bono services donated in 2004 to low-income clients in south central Michigan is estimated at \$3.3 million dollars. LSSCM supports a very diverse pro bono program which includes volunteer law students, attorneys, and pro bono court reporters. LSSCM's pro bono program also includes: part-time pro bono staffing at the Ingham County Access to Justice Center; local pro bono court reporting services; and active general attorney panels managed by each of LSSCM's five field offices. LSSCM's pro bono program also includes the Friends of Legal Aid donation program and the Lansing based ATJ Committee. Both groups coordinate with the State Bar Access to Justice Campaign to increase funding and bring financial stability to legal services locally and throughout the state.

Client Ethnicity	
White	6,264
Black	1,836
Hispanic	1,165
Native American	77
Asian	54
Other	184
Total	9,580

LSSCM Types of Service in 2004



LSSCM Cases Closed in 2004: 9,580

